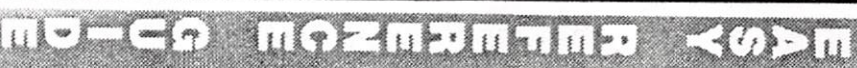


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"UNDER WASATCH SKIES"

ted from Provo and either sent to raid the Army
ply trains or stationed in the canyons to defend the
mon settlers. A good many men engaged in mov-
families south in the exodus of 1858.

By June of 1858, Provo City sheltered many saints
had fled their northern homes at the coming of
nston's Army. Brigham Young, the most prominent
or in the city at the time, called a meeting at the
ery on June 6, 1858, to discuss building the road up
vo Canyon. There were now multiple reasons for
nning construction. Gardner had noted the plentiful
ly of timber in the upper valleys of the Provo and
er Rivers some six years earlier, and the time had
when the timber was needed. President Young
is speech to those assembled remarked:

A road up Provo Canyon is much needed, and
we want ten or twenty companies of laborers to go
on it forthwith in order to finish it in about fifteen
days so that you can go into the valleys of the Weber
where there is plenty of timber.

I understand that a company has been chartered
by the legislative assembly to make that road if
those men will come forward we will take the re-
sponsibility of making it. We shall need about 500
aborers.²

The next night the group, including President Young,
r C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells, several of the twelve
les, and a large number of brethren, reassembled at
owery. Here the Provo Canyon Company was
ized. Brigham Young took 200 shares of stock.
norz Little was appointed to superintend the mak-
f the road and W. G. Mills was named clerk of the
any.³

The company worked the rest of the summer com-
g the road. The river had to be bridged near the